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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 2 March 1979

The Director was in his office; Mr. Carlucci chaired the meeting. [ ]

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Bowie said that he attended a mini-SCC meeting yesterday that centered primarily on Yemen. [ ]

[ ] Bowie said that he has asked NIO [ ] to draft a comprehensive paper outlining the Yemeni situation. Mr. Carlucci noted radio reports this morning that there was a cease-fire and that the Arab League was to mediate the Yemeni dispute. [ ]

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Alluding to the two pending reserve release requests, Taylor advised that the one [ ] has been approved with the understanding that the Department of Defense should pay for it in the future, which both sides realize will probably be unworkable. Taylor said that the remaining issue on obtaining approval for the reserve release [ ] is Congressional belief that it should be approved at the SCC level, which Taylor did not think was appropriate. Mr. Carlucci noted his understanding that the Director had discussed this matter with Dr. Brzezinski, and Lapham added that it had been cleared with the White House legal office. Mr. Carlucci asked EA/DCI [ ] and Lapham to confirm and advise Taylor. (Action: EA/DCI and OGC). [ ]

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Lapham said that rumors that he is leaving the Agency because of differences with the Director or Agency policies are not true. He stated his reasons for leaving were personal and asked attendees to dispel any rumors to the contrary. [ ]

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Hitz reported that D/OSO Kelly did a superb job briefing the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on [ ] and should be considered for other such briefings. Stoertz also did an excellent job of briefing. Hitz mentioned that the committee staffers specializing on SALT matters have been outstanding. He mentioned that two White House representatives who attended the meeting were surprised that Stoertz's charts on the strategic balance did not include the MX missile. The NSC will be provided the same briefing today. Hitz said that Defense Under Secretary Perry continues to be an exceptionally effective and persuasive briefer. [ ]

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